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Security Information

Chief, Language Services Division

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Chief, Plans and Policy Staff

English Dictionary

1. Mr. Howard Sollenberger of the Language School, Foreign Service Institute, has brought to my attention the fact that FSI has sponsored the compilation of a  English dictionary under the direction of Professor

2. This dictionary was started during the war and all of the basic research and recording of data has been completed. This material is in the form of 3 x 5 cards. In this form, it is of very little use to the Department of State, much less the government as a whole. The Department of State does not have sufficient funds to prepare this material for publication and raises the question as to whether or not this Agency is interested in furnishing support to the Department for this purpose.

3. The additional work required involves the preparation of a manuscript so that printing and publication can proceed. In terms of dollars, it is roughly estimated that the sum of \$2,000 would be necessary to type and proof the required manuscript. In the event that a sufficient need would justify Agency support of this project, it is believed that the manuscript preparation could be undertaken as a work project in the Personnel Pool. This would require no dollar costs over and above those normally provided by the Agency. The Department of State would furnish the technical supervision required during the preparation of the manuscript. If the Agency agreed to use Personnel Pool facilities for this purpose, it is conceivable that the personnel working on the project should be detailed to FSI during the work, although this might not be absolutely essential.

4. Your opinion is requested on the need for and the value of such a dictionary to the government. Should you wish to examine the material from which the manuscript is to be prepared, arrangements should be made directly with Mr. Sollenberger on code 191, extension 3260. Your opinion on this project will form the basis of our combined recommendation to the D/TR and the DE/TR(G).

5. I have not consulted FDD on this question for reasons you already understand.

6. It is my view that if your opinion is affirmative, the Agency should lend clerical support and not money for this purpose through facilities available in the Personnel Pool. There is no priority action required on this project and no urgency in apprising the Department of State of our findings.

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